

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF IOWA, INC.	DOCKET NO. RPU-99-4
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR  
MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued March 10, 2000)

On March 6, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a request to modify the procedural schedule in this docket. The Utilities Board (Board) initiated this proceeding on December 29, 1999, in order to review Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc.'s (Frontier) operation under its price regulation plan, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.97(9).

In its December 29, 1999, order, the Board directed Frontier to file prepared direct testimony on or before February 4, 2000, Consumer Advocate and any intervenors to file prepared direct testimony on or before March 10, 2000, and Frontier to file rebuttal testimony on or before March 24, 2000. Frontier filed its prepared direct testimony on February 4, 2000. Based upon an initial review of the direct testimony, the Board on March 3, 2000, ordered Frontier to provide additional information. Pursuant to that order, Frontier's responses are due on or before March 17, 2000.



Following the previously stated filing deadlines for prepared direct testimony, Consumer Advocate would be required to file its prepared testimony one week before Frontier files responses to the Board's March 3, 2000, order. The Board finds it appropriate to delay the filing of direct testimony by Consumer Advocate and any intervenors until after the time for Frontier to file responses to the Board's March 3, 2000, order so that all issues may be raised in one filing. Further, by delaying the filing of that direct testimony, it is equally appropriate to move the filing deadline for Frontier to file its prepared rebuttal testimony.

An evidentiary hearing is currently scheduled for April 12, 2000. The Board would like to maintain that hearing date if possible.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The request for modification of procedural schedule filed in this docket on March 6, 2000, by Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice, is granted.
2. Ordering paragraphs 2.b and 2.c from the Board's December 29, 1999, scheduling order in this docket are revised to read as follows:
  - b. Consumer Advocate and any intervenors shall file any prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before March 27, 2000.



c. Applicants shall file any rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before April 4, 2000.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.